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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 31, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

v.

CASE NO. PUE990436

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.,

Defendant

ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On April 20, 2000, the State Corporation Commission entered an Order accepting an offer of settlement from Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia" or "the Company"), for certain alleged violations of the Commission's gas pipeline safety standards. Among other things, the April 20 Order directed Columbia to retain by June 1, 2000, an outside consultant to perform an independent audit of the management, policies and procedures, operation, maintenance, and facilities of the Company's cathodic protection corrosion control program.

Columbia entered into a corrosion control consulting contract with CORRPRO Companies, Inc. ("CORRPRO"), on June 1, 2000. CORRPRO has requested an extension of time from September 1, 2000, to October 13, 2000, in which to complete the review and audit and has also asked for an extension of time to file its final report. CORRPRO has requested that it be

permitted to file its final report by November 30, 2000. Among other things, CORRPRO noted that it took a more time than anticipated to collect a reasonable sampling of the cathodic protection field data and to reduce this data for basic analysis. It requires additional time to characterize specific anomalies detected during the basic cathodic field data collection and to complete its evaluation of procedures, implementation, and compliance issues relating to unprotected bare steel piping throughout the Columbia service area. Columbia requested that the Commission extend the time required for completion of the review and audit set out in the April 20 Order from September 1, 2000, to October 13, 2000, and to extend the date for filing CORRPRO's final report to December 1, 2000. The Company, by counsel, represented that Staff had no objection to its request for an extension.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the foregoing Motion, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Columbia's Motion should be granted; that the time for completion of the audit and review should be extended through October 13, 2000; that the date for filing CORRPRO's final report should be extended to December 1, 2000; and that the remaining directives set forth in the April 20, 2000, Order should continue in effect.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Columbia's Motion for Extension of Time of August 30, 2000, shall be granted.

(2) The time in which the review and audit required by the April 20, 2000, Order shall be completed is hereby extended to October 13, 2000.

(3) The date for filing CORRPRO's final report shall be extended until December 1, 2000.

(4) All other directives set forth in the April 20, 2000, Order shall remain effective.

(5) This matter is continued pending further order of the Commission.